

**Idaho State Historical Society
Historical Library, State Archives and Idaho Oral History Center
Quarterly Report – April-June 2005
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Overview:

Ongoing activities: Organize monthly family history workshops; submit articles to and edit *Mountain Light*; process collections; meet with donors; data entry into Re:discovery; shelve boxes at the Archives building; organize map collection; supervise volunteers and interns; participate in various Lewis and Clark activities; arrange and index records from Elmore, Ada, Nez Perce, Alturas, Latah, Bear Lake, Teton, Blaine, Idaho, Custer, Alta, Twin Falls, Bingham, Boundary, Logan and Kootenai counties, City of Weiser, Liquor Dispensary, Supreme Court, and Shorty Fuller photograph collection; work with state and local officials on various records management and legislative issues; coordinate NHPRC/SHRAB grant and IHC "Jesus Urquides" grant activities; coordinate with ZGA and Ormond Construction on various issues with the Idaho History Center.

Grants: Received word that NEH shelving grant was not approved nor was NEH grant to continue processing AR 20 - Dept. of Reclamation (this one will be resubmitted). SHRAB - \$10,000 administrative grant was approved for upcoming year. NEH grant for second phase of Northwest Digital Archives (<http://nwda.wsulibs.wsu.edu/>) was approved. (The L&A will be a partner.) The NEH archival supplies grant has been completed and final report in progress.

Additions to Library's Turbo Tower: Naturalization Index (updated). Posted to ISHS website: "Can the Library and Archives appraise historic documents or photographs?" (L&A FAQ page)

Personnel:

BSU students Nancy Rohan and Whitney Wood completed their internships. Summer interns are Beth Paul (LCSC); Lynne Beautrow (Principia College); and Keegan Poppen, Joslyn Olnes, Anneliese Rice and Claire Steven, all from RiverStone Community School. New volunteers include: Jennifer Batson and Pat McCoy. Volunteer/intern hours donated: 1,094 hrs.

Kudos to Troy Reeves (and Kurt Zwolfer) for receiving the Founder's Award from RiverStone Community School for their work with students during the past year. Troy should also be recognized for successfully designing an oral history project - with students from RiverStone - for this summer's Capitol centennial celebration, to be funded by the Idaho Capitol Commission.

Gifts and Acquisitions:

- 36 book titles, including 9 yearbooks
- 1,553 ft. of government records (approx. 31 tons)
- 13 manuscript collections (3 MS and 10 MS/2)

- 10 photograph collections, including 355 cu. ft. of negatives from Braun Studios, Nampa and Ontario, OR, ca 1950 to present
- 46 microfilm rolls (newspaper)
- 9 oral history interviews (approx. 15 hrs.)
- 200 periodicals

Other:

New records added to Re:discovery: 39 book titles, 16 manuscript collections, 5 maps, 47 oral history interviews, 73 microfilm titles, 1 photograph collection, 2 moving image titles, and 1,202 boxes/volumes of State Archives material. A total of 33 orders for photographic images were processed for a billing of \$1,710.00 (net \$688.00). Billings for 29 requests for permission to use photographic images netted \$175.00. 21 oral history publications were sold and sale of duplicate microfilm netted \$1,363.

Programs Presented/Attended:

Southwest Idaho (Boise unless otherwise indicated)

April 4 – “Trails in Ada and Owyhee Counties” for Kuna Historical Society – Larry (30)

April 6 – Oregon Trail presentation for Wilder Grade School – Larry (45)

April 7 – “Finding Word of Your Ancestors in Immigration and Naturalization Records” for Family Scanners, Caldwell – Steve B. (26)

April 14 – “History of Idaho and Boise Valley” for European Tour Operators at Birds of Prey Education Center – Larry (40)

April 23 - various presentations for Family History Conference, Meridian - Steve W., Rod, Steve B. (140)

Apr 27 – book discussion of *Only a Few Bones* by Dr. John Colletta for workshop series - Steve B. (15)

April 29-30 – Pacific Northwest History Conference/Northwest Oral History Association meeting – Troy, Kathy, Linda

- "IOHC's Women in WWII/Veterans History Project History Project" – Troy and former interns Ellen Haffner and Cherry Hunsaker (25)
- "History Day: A View from One School" - Troy, RiverStone students (13)
- "Northwest Digital Archives" for Research Breakfast - Linda (45)
- “Mexican Americans in Idaho” roundtable – Kathy, etal (15)

Apr 30 – Dr. John Colletta for workshop series (54)

May 3 - "IOHC's Smokejumping and Forest Fire Fighting Oral History Project" for Boise National Forest Honor Day - Troy (130)

May 4 - tour of Idaho History Center for Permanent Building Fund Council - Linda, Cathy Sewell (15)

May 6 - "Prop One Oral History Project" for Boise Public Access station (TVTV) - Troy (aired May 13 and 16)

May 12 - "Prop One Oral History Project" for Triangle (gay and lesbian social group) - Troy (16)

May 25 – book discussion of *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: the Civil War in the Heart of America, 1859-1863*, by Edward L Ayers for workshop series – Steve B. (11)

May 26 – “Researching a House History” for North End Neighborhood Association -
Kathy, Tricia Canaday (21)
June 6 - oral history presentation for Kuna Historical Society - Troy (25)
June 8 - records training for Dept. of Corrections - Steve W. (14)
June 8 - records training for Board of Pardons - Steve W. (5)
June 11 - tour of Archives building for LDS genealogists - Steve W. (17)
June 16 - records training for Dept. of Agriculture - Steve W.
June 17 – “Mexican Americans in Idaho” for Delta Kappa Gamma in Nampa – Kathy
(25)
June 18 – “Colonial Records” for DRC (local genealogy club) – Phyllis (11)
June 21 – tour of Library for LDS genealogists – Steve B. (12)
June 23 – IPTV’s *Dialogue* featured a segment on genealogy - Steve B. and
representative from Idaho Heartland Genealogists
Undated – Archives building staff give 9 tours of the building (92)

North Idaho

May 9-11 – presentation for Law Enforcement Information and Records Management
Association of Idaho, Post Falls – Steve W. (34)
June 1 - records training for LCSC, Lewiston - Steve W. (47)

Southeast Idaho

April 4–8 - records pickup – Steve W.
April 6 - records meeting at ISU, Pocatello - Steve W. (9)
May 21 - "Veterans History Project" for Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month,
Gooding - Troy (14)

Out of State

April 17-18 – Northwest Archivists/Society of CA Archivists/Council of Intermountain
Archivists, Las Vegas - Linda
April 26-28 – Library of Congress States workshop, Washington D.C. – Steve W.
May 16 – memorial event commemorating the death of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau,
Jordan Valley, OR – Larry, etal (80)
May 19-20 – quarterly SHRAB meeting (in conjunction with Wyoming and Montana),
West Yellowstone – Steve W., Linda

Calendar of Events:

Out of State

July 20-22 – NAGARA/COSRC convention, Richmond, VA – Steve W.

Southeast Idaho

July 11-15 – records pick-up, Steve W.

North Idaho

July 25-29 – records pickup, Steve W.

Patrons/Visitors:

Staff reports that 1,158 patrons signed in at the front desk and 8 at the Archives (compared to 1,297 for the same quarter in 2004). 35 libraries requested materials via Inter-Library Loan services and 1,855 general reference and public record requests via letters/telephone calls/e-mails/faxes were answered (compared to 1,338 for the same quarter in 2004). Rod reports that the public record requests involved materials from 60 different counties, cities, State agencies, and commissions.